

REMARKS

The Official Action dated July 30, 2003 has been carefully considered. Accordingly, the changes presented herewith, taken with the following remarks, are believed sufficient to place the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 177 has been added. Support for the added claim may be found in claims 173-175 and at page 12, lines 9-19 and at page 16, lines 10-14. Since these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

In the Official Action, claims 173-176 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Newfield et al., "Scratchpad: Mechanisms for Better Navigation in Directed Web Searching", ACM 1998 (hereafter "Newfield"). The Examiner asserted that Newfield teaches a method of operating a computer comprising: providing a visual display, displaying digital content in a first window on the visual display, the digital content including a hyperlink, providing a graphical interface on the visual display that is operative to effectuate a designation of a hyperlink; and visually generating a plurality of individually selectable user options on the visual display in response to the designation of the hyperlink, including at least one option for performing the non-linking functionality of automatically copying the hyperlink to a second window in a manner that permits the copied hyperlink to be independently activated and processed, and selecting the individually selectable user option of copying the hyperlink to a second window and automatically performing such non-linking functionality of automatically copying the hyperlink to a second window in response to the selection.

However, as will be set forth in detail below, it is submitted that the methods of claims 173-176 are not anticipated by Newfield. Accordingly, this rejection is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As defined by claim 173, the present invention is directed to a method of operating a computer. The method comprises providing a visual display; displaying digital content in a first window on the visual display, the digital content including a hyperlink; providing a graphical interface on the visual display that is operative to effectuate a designation of a hyperlink; **visually generating a plurality of individually selectable user options** on the visual display in response to the designation of the hyperlink, including at least one option for performing the non-linking functionality of automatically copying the hyperlink to a second window in a manner that permits the copied hyperlink to be independently activated and processed; and selecting the individually selectable user option of copying the hyperlink to a second window and automatically performing such non-linking functionality of automatically copying the hyperlink to a second window in response to the selection.

As defined by claim 176, the present invention is directed to a method of operating a computer. The method comprises: providing a visual display; displaying digital content in a first window on the visual display, the digital content including a hyperlink; providing a graphical interface on the visual display that is operative to effectuate a designation of a hyperlink; **visually generating a plurality of individually selectable user options** on the visual display in response to the designation of the hyperlink, including at least one option for performing the non-linking functionality of automatically creating a hyperlink for the displayed digital content, copying the created hyperlink for the displayed digital content to a viewable list in a second window, and loading the digital content associated with the designated hyperlink in the first window on the visual display; and selecting the individually selectable user option of automatically creating a hyperlink for the displayed digital content, copying the created hyperlink for the displayed digital content to a viewable list in a second window, and loading the digital content associated with the designated hyperlink in the first

window on the visual display and performing such non-linking functionality in response to the selection.

Newfield discloses activating a program or option in a browser and then upon selection of a hyperlink copying the hyperlink to a list rather than opening the hyperlink. When the program (Scratchpad) is activated, the user only has one option when selecting a hyperlink. That option being the copying of the hyperlink to a list for later viewing. Newfield does not disclose any visual generation of options presented to the user upon designation of a hyperlink. In addition, Newfield does not disclose a plurality of individually selectable user options presented to a user in response to designation of a hyperlink. Again, Newfield only discloses a single option that copies the hyperlink to a list. In contrast, the presently claimed invention requires: 1) the program to **visually generate** user options in response to the designation of a hyperlink; and 2) a **plurality of** individually selectable user options be presented to the user in response to the designation of a hyperlink.

Anticipation under 35 U.S.C. §102 requires the disclosure in a single prior art reference of each element of the claims under consideration, *Alco Standard Corp. v. TVA*, 808 F.2d 1490, 1 U.S.P.Q.2d 1337, 1341 (Fed. Cir. 1986). As Applicants find no teaching or disclosure by Newfield of **visually generating** user options in response to the designation of the hyperlink and no teaching or disclosure by Newfield of a **plurality** of individually selectable user options presented to the user in response to the designation of the hyperlink, Newfield does not anticipate claims 173-176 under 35 U.S.C. §102.

It is therefore submitted that the presently claimed methods of operating a computer are not anticipated by Newfield, whereby the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) has been overcome. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As defined by the presently added claim 177, the present invention is directed to a method of operating a computer. The method comprises: providing a visual display;

displaying digital content in a first window on the visual display, the digital content including a hyperlink; providing a graphical interface on the visual display that is operative to effectuate a designation of a hyperlink; visually generating a plurality of individually selectable user options on the visual display in response to the designation of the hyperlink, including at least one option for performing the non-linking functionality of automatically copying the hyperlink to a second window in a manner that permits the copied hyperlink to be independently activated and processed; and selecting the individually selectable user option of copying the hyperlink to a second window and automatically performing such non-linking functionality of automatically copying the hyperlink to a second window in response to the selection; wherein the non-linking functionality further comprises copying any associated graphical elements corresponding to the hyperlink to the second window, and further wherein the associated graphical element comprises a graphical image corresponding to the hyperlink.

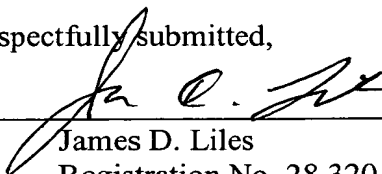
As noted above, Newfield fails to teach or disclose **visually generating** user options in response to the designation of the hyperlink and generating a **plurality** of individually selectable user options presented to the user in response to the designation of the hyperlink. In addition, Newfield fails to disclose the non-linking functionality of copying any associated graphical elements corresponding to the hyperlink to the second window, wherein the associated graphical element comprises a graphical image corresponding to the hyperlink. Newfield discloses that the copied hyperlink may be colored to designate whether the link had been visited or was of increased relevance. However, Newfield fails to teach, disclose or suggest copying a graphical image associated with the hyperlink to the list of hyperlinks. As such, it is submitted that claim 177 is not anticipated by Newfield.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 and places the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early allowance are requested.

Finally, Appellants wish to make the Examiner aware of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/847,999 filed May 4, 2001 which is a continuation in part of the present application.

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